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Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a two-month extension of time through and including February 9, 2004 within which to respond to the latest office action accompanies this amendment.

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, please amend the application identified above as follows:

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A stabilized lyophilized hepatitis A live vaccine formulation comprising prophylactically effective titers of live attenuated hepatitis A virus and a stabilizer, wherein said live attenuated hepatitis A virus is prepared from the wild-type JIAV, strain ICA-1, and wherein said stabilizer is present in the vaccine formulation at a concentration sufficient to stabilize the hepatitis A virus against heat inactivation.

2. (canceled)